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The enclosed documents were cited by the German Patent Office in the Search Report dated June 24, 2004 of the corresponding German application. The documents which have not previously been provided in an earlier-filed Information Disclosure Statement are BEST AVAILABLE COPY attached.

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